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**Meiji Holdings Won the Gold Award
(Minister of the Environment Award),
the Highest Award in the ESG Finance Awards Japan**

Meiji Holdings Co., Ltd. (Kazuo Kawamura, CEO, President and Representative Director) (hereinafter the "Company") is pleased to announce that it won the Gold Award (Minister of the Environment Award), the highest award, in the Fundraiser Category of the third ESG Finance Awards Japan organized by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan. In addition, the Company was selected as an Environmental Sustainable Company in the Environmental Sustainable Company Category. The Company was recognized that its level of disclosure meets certain standards.

The ESG Finance Awards Japan

Established by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, this award recognizes investors, financial institutions, financial service providers, and fundraisers that help companies' business models change to sustainable ones and also that promote initiatives that have an impact on the environment, society, and the economy.



The objective is to further promote and expand ESG finance and also improve the its quality by presenting awards to organizations with outstanding overall performance, advanced initiatives, and initiatives that serve as a model for others, and by sharing them widely with society.

Reason for the Award

The Company won the Award because it was highly evaluated for its potential for future development in the following points. The Company has formulated the Meiji Group Long-Term Environmental Vision for 2050 and created a system to examine in detail and to report specific projects. Also, the Company well incorporate ESG into its management strategy and is taking

a leading role in the industry. In addition, the Company examined each business needs and issued the realistic amount of Sustainability Bond* in March 2021.

* Please see the detail for the sustainability bond we issued at

<https://www.meiji.com/global/sustainability/sustainable-finance.html>

Encouraged by this award, the Company will further contribute to solving social issues by proactively utilizing sustainable finance and realize the Meiji Group Long-Term Environmental Vision.

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